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25X1X 1. [REDACTED] the following members of the Syrian Nationalist Party are among those Syrians who have gone to Alexandria, Egypt, to congratulate former President Shukri Qawwatli on his return to the Middle East:

Salah Shayikh-al-Ard - architect

Sa'id Tillawi - Editor of the Damascus newspaper, al-Fayah

Fawzi Amin - Editor of the Damascus newspaper, al-Nazm

Munir Dib

Handuh Haffarth merchant

Abu Raslan Muhammad Tanbakji - merchant

'Abd-al-Hadi. Ma'sarani. - merchant**

Salah-al-Din Shamsi Pasha - merchant***

Rafa't Ghazzi - property broker***

2. On 25 October 1949 members of this group not in Damascus and decided to submit Qumvatli's name as a candidate in the forthcoming elections in Syria.

25X1X * [REDACTED] Comment. Manduh Naffar is a Syrian merchant who has been in Italy in 1948 and 1949, engaged in obtaining arms for the Syrian Army.

25X1X ~~SECRET~~ **Comment.** 'Abd-al-Hadi Ma'sarani and Salah-al-Din Shamsi Pasha were reported by the Damascus press on 24 October 1949 to be in Baghdad, where the members of the Syrian Legation were watching their contacts with members of the various Iraqi political parties.

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